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FOR: MR. MAURICE HAMAOUI 1160 PRESIDENT STREET BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

- 1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER JOSEPH HAMAOUI. MR. ADEL ATALLAH INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT BEIRUT ON DECEMBER 31, 1977, OF HIS DEATH FROM HEART FAILURE FOLLOWING A SEVERE COLD, ON DECEMBER 31, 1977 IN ATALLAH'S HOME IN DORA, BEIRUT, LEBANON.
- 2. YOUR BROTHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE PHYSICIAN AT ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL IN ASHRAFIEH, BEIRUT, LEBANON WHERE HIS REMAINS HAVE BEEN PLACE UNTIL RECEIPT OF YOUR INSTRUCTION AS TO THEIR DISPOSITION.
- 3. NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OF ANY VALUE WERE LEFT BY YOUR BROTHER.
- 4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENT BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 REPEAT 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO. PREPARATION AND AIRSHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO BROOKLYN, NEW YORK WOULD COST \$1,350.00. CREMATIONS AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO US WOULD COST \$200.00. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE MINIMUM COST IS \$250.00 AND THE MAXIMUM IS \$500.00. THE COST OF CREMATIONS AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$225.00. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, BEIRUT, LEBANON AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TRANSFER OF FUNDS ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE EXPLAINED BY TELEPHONING THE DUTY OFFICER OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY Y IS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 361800 IN BEIRUT.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY BEIRUT, LEBANON PARKER

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